

**MAY 21, 2007
PARMA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Charles M. Germana presiding:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	NICHOLAS J. CELEBREZZE BRIAN DAY MARY GALINAS ROY J. JECH LARRY NAPOLI KENNETH A. RAMSER THOMAS REGAS SCOTT M. TUMA SEAN P. BRENNAN
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Mr. Mastroianni - Mr. Chairman, the roll of council has been called, and I find a quorum of Council Members present.

The following officials and department heads were also present: Mayor Dean E. DePiero, Law Director Timothy G. Dobeck, Auditor Dennis M. Kish, Treasurer Anthony C. Zielinski, Safety Director Gregory Baeppler, Building Commissioner/City Engineer Paul Deichmann, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Senior Citizen Director Jo Ann Mason, Community Development Director Erik Tollerup, Mayor's Administrative Assistant Meghann McCall, and Clerk of Council Tom Mastroianni.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Clerk of Council Tom Mastroianni.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Germana - You have before you the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting of May 14, 2007. Are there any additions or corrections to these Minutes? Hearing none, the Minutes will stand approved as printed.

VOICE VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 150-07 5/21/07 L-150-07

BY: **L. NAPOLI**, S. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH,
K. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. TUMA

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE DENTZLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
THIRD GRADE CLASSES MAY, 2007**

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt Resolution No. 150-07. Motion carried.

Mr. Germana - Asked the Third Graders to come forward while the Clerk of Council reads the Resolution in its entirety.

Councilman Napoli - Presented the Third Graders their Resolutions and congratulated them.

Mayor DePiero - Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the Third Graders and congratulated them.

The Principal at Dentzler Elementary thanked Council and the Mayor for the Resolution and the Proclamation.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-07 5/21/07 L-96-07
BY: **M. GALINAS**, S. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, R. J. JECH, K. A. RAMSER,
S. TUMA, L. NAPOLI, T. REGAS

A RESOLUTION HONORING INVENTION CONVENTION WINNERS
AMY BUTTERFIELD
BRITTANY HERTELENDY
JUSTIN BACON
GREENBRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt Resolution No. 96-07. Motion carried.

Mr. Germana - Asked Amy Butterfield to come forward while the Clerk of Council reads the Resolution in its entirety.

Councilwoman Galinas - Presented the Resolution to Amy Butterfield and congratulated her.

Mayor DePiero - Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Amy Butterfield and congratulated her.

Amy Butterfield - Thanked Council and the Mayor for the Resolution and Proclamation.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-07 5/21/07 L-102-07
BY: **R. J. JECH**, S. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, L. NAPOLI,
K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING PARMA SENIOR REDMEN WRESTLING TEAM
ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL 2006-07 SEASON

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt Resolution No. 102-07. Motion carried.

Mr. Germana - Asked the Parma Senior Redmen Wrestling Team to come forward while the Clerk of Council reads the Resolution in its entirety.

Councilman Jech - Presented the Resolution to the Parma Senior Redmen Wrestling Team and congratulated them.

Mayor DePiero - Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the Parma Senior Wrestling Team and congratulated them.

The Coach for the Parma Senior Redmen - Thanked Council and the Mayor for the Resolution and the Proclamation.

RESOLUTION NO. 157-07 5/21/07 L-157-07
BY: **S. BRENNAN**, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI,
K. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING FATHER ANSELM ZUPKA, OSB
ON HIS FORTY YEARS IN HIS PRIESTHOOD AND HIS
SERVICE TO ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt Resolution No. 157-07. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

Mr. Germana - Asked if anyone in the public wished to comment on any piece of legislation up for passage. No one wished to speak.

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

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COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

Notice of Proposal to Vary for the applicant Carol M. Lesiak, 7823 Oakhurst Circle, Brecksville, OH 44141 for property located at 5511 Broadview Rd. PPN 445-10-001. The request is for an "Area" Variance of the City of Parma Codified Ordinances of Section 1197.08 (C) - OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING FACILITIES - ACCESS DRIVEWAYS. The proposal is for a request for a new parking lot and would need an access drive less in width than Code requires at 5511 Broadview Rd., in Retail Business C 1 Zone. Code requires the width of entrance and exit driveways to accessory parking facilities, except for 1 and 2 family dwellings, shall be a minimum width of 10'. The proposed access driveway is 8'. This Variance would result in 2' less width for access driveway to accessory parking facility than Code requires. The stipulation is that the driveway be made as wide as possible to get it as close to 10' as possible and the electric meter be moved to the back side of the house or to the south side of the house which is in the best interest of the owner.

Mr. Germana - This Variance will be referred to the Planning Committee.

Notice of Proposal to Vary for the applicant Alan J. Ashcroft, 6998 State Road, 44134, PPN 450-26-014. The request is for an "Area" Variance of the City of Parma Codified Ordinances of Section 1187.01 (a) - Area Regulations - Area Districts Classifications. The proposal is to have a lot less in depth than Code allows at 7012 State Road, zoned Single-Family AA 1. Code requires that minimum lot area per dwelling - with sanitary sewers - in Single Family AA 1 zoning District is 12,000 sq. ft. with minimum lot size of 75' by 160'. The proposed lot area is 12,700 sq. ft. with lot size of 100' x 127. This Variance would result in 33' less lot depth than Code requires.

Mr. Germana - This Variance will be referred to the Planning Committee.

Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, 6606 Tussing Road, P.O. Box 4005, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005 for a new C1 C2 Liquor Permit for Vineyards Wine Merchant LLC DBA Vineyards Wine Merchant, 6060 Broadview Rd., Parma, Ohio 44134. Notices were mailed 05/16/2007 and responses must be postmarked no later than 06/18/2007.

Mr. Germana - This Liquor Permit will be referred to the Ward Council and the Safety Director.

Letter from State Senator Dale Miller thanking us for sending a copy of Parma's City Council Resolution 106-07 regarding video service providers and also a copy of Resolution 104-07 in support of House Bill 138 to require property owners to file deeds in a timely manner.

Letter from State Representative Timothy J. DeGeeter thanking us for sending a copy of Parma's City Council Resolution 106-07 in opposition to Senate Bill 117 and City Council Resolution 104-07 supporting House Bill 138.

Received from the Parma Fire Department their Annual Report for 2006 which is on file in the Council Office.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to revise the Calendar as follows: On Page 3 under **Second Reading Suspension of the Rules, remove Ordinance No. 141-07 and place it under Second Reading after Ordinance No. 131-07.** Motion carried.

FIRST READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 142-07 5/21/07 L-142-07

BY: **S. M. TUMA, M. GALINAS**

(By Request - Mayor and Law Director)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO PETITION THE JUVENILE COURT OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR AUTHORITY TO CREATE A TRAFFIC DIVISION WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA'S JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 143-07 5/21/07 L-143-07

BY: **S. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA**

(By Request - Community Development Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE ANNUAL PUBLIC SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL DESIGNATED BLIGHTED AND DANGEROUS SECTIONS OF PUBLIC SIDEWALK IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 115-07 5/7/07 L-115-07

BY: **M. GALINAS**

(By Request - Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF WORKSTATIONS, COURT COMPUTER HARD DRIVE AND POWER SUPPLY, PRINTERS AND CABLES AND MISCELLANEOUS COMPUTER ITEMS FOR THE PARMA JUSTICE CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to refer Ordinance No. 115-07 back to the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-07 5/7/07 L-116-07

BY: **S. BRENNAN**

(By Request - Community Development Director)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO RENAME
THE "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT" TO THE
"COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT"

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to hold
Resolution No. 116-07 on Second Reading. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-07 5/7/07 L-117-07

BY: **S. M. TUMA**

(By Request - Auditor)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PARMA,
OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2008, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to amend
Resolution No. 117-07 as follows: In the Heading, before the word Budget, add the word
Tax. In the first WHEREAS Clause, remove the word "tentative" and replace it with the
word **tax**. Also, remove the word "law" and replace it with **ORC 5705.28**. In Section 1,
before the word budget, add the word **tax**. In Section 2, Line 2, before the word budget,
add the word **tax**. Further moved to refer Resolution No. 117-07 as amended back to the
Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 118-07 5/7/07 L-118-07

BY: **T. REGAS, L. NAPOLI**

(By Request - City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER
FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BRADENTON BLVD.,
SUNHAVEN OVAL, SUNRISE OVAL, KNOWLES DR., PLEASANTVIEW DR.,
MELODY LANE AND A PORTION OF HOERTZ RD. AND BONNY BLVD.
SANITARY SEWER PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to hold Ordinance
No. 118-07 on Second Reading. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-07 5/7/07 L-119-07

BY: **T. REGAS, L. NAPOLI**

(By Request - City Engineer)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE BRADENTON
BLVD., SUNHAVEN OVAL, SUNRISE OVAL, KNOWLES DR.,
PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE, MELODY LANE AND A PORTION OF HOERTZ RD.

AND BONNY BLVD. IN THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, BY PROVIDING
THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to hold
Resolution No. 119-07 on Second Reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 125-07 5/7/07 L-125-07

BY: **M. GALINAS**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY TO
CONFORM TO CURRENT STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Galinas, seconded by Councilman Day, to refer
Ordinance No. 125-07 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 126-07 5/7/07 L-126-07

BY: **M. GALINAS**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF
THE CITY TO CONFORM TO CURRENT STATE LAW, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Galinas, seconded by Councilman Day, to refer
Ordinance No. 126-07 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 131-07 5/7/07 L-131-07

BY: **S. BRENNAN**

(By Request - Building Commissioner/City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SUBSECTION (c) OF
SECTION 1705.11 "RENTAL PROPERTY; REGISTRATION REQUIRED;
ANNUAL MAINTENANCE INSPECTION" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF PARMA

Motion made by Councilwoman Galinas, seconded by Councilman Day, to refer
Ordinance No. 131-07 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 141-07 5/14/07 L-141-07

BY: **R. J. JECH**

(Special Meeting)

(By Request - Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER (S)
FOR THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT
6270 STATE ROAD AND KNOWN AS FIRE STATION #2 IN THE
CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to hold Ordinance
No. 141-07 on Second Reading. Motion carried.

THIRD READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 69-07 3/5/07 L-69-07

BY: **R. J. JECH**

(By Request - City Engineer)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE GRANTWOOD DRIVE, SOUTH PARK BOULEVARD, WEST RIDGEWOOD DRIVE AND BROADVIEW ROAD AT RUSTIC TRAIL IN THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, BY PROVIDING THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to hold Resolution No. 69-07 on Third Reading. Motion carried.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

Mr. Germana - Shall the Statutory provision and Rule 47 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 140-07, Ordinance No. 144-07, Resolution No. 145-07, Resolution No. 146-07, Ordinance No. 147-07, Resolution No. 148-07, and Ordinance No. 151-07 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Germana - Shall Rule 44 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 140-07, -Ordinance No. 144-07, Resolution No. 145-07, Resolution No. 146-07, Ordinance No. 147-07, Resolution No. 148-07, and Ordinance No. 151-07 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 140-07 5/21/07 L-140-07

BY: **S. M. TUMA**

(By Request - Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 129-06 RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND FUEL OIL IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt Ordinance No. 140-07.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Ordinance No. 140-07 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 144-07 5/21/07 L-144-07

BY: **M. GALINAS, L. NAPOLI**

(By Request - Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SECTION 1 OF
ORDINANCE NO. 201-03 RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT FOR A
CONTRACT FOR THE PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENTS AND
BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SEWER AND STREET AND CURB
RECONSTRUCTION FOR MANHATTAN AVENUE IN THE CITY
OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt
Ordinance No. 144-07.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Ordinance No. 144-07 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 145-07 5/21/07 L-145-07

BY: **S. BRENNAN**, N. J. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI,
K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER
TO INSTITUTE SUMMARY NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 443-10-093, 6503 ORCHARD
AVENUE, PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt
Resolution No. 145-07.

Councilman Brennan - Made comments relative to 6503 Orchard Avenue.

Councilman Celebrezze - Made comments relative to 6503 Orchard Avenue.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Resolution No. 145-07 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 146-07 5/21/07 L-146-07

BY: **S. BRENNAN**, N. J. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI,
K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER TO
INSTITUTE SUMMARY NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF PERMANENT
PARCEL NUMBER 443-05-007, 7419 JAMESON ROAD, PARMA,
OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt
Resolution No. 146-07.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Resolution No. 146-07 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 147-07 5/21/07 L-147-07

BY: **S. M. TUMA**

(By Request - Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt
Ordinance No. 147-07.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Ordinance No. 147-07 is adopted.

BY: **S. M. TUMA**
(By Request - Auditor)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AUDITOR'S POST
CERTIFICATION OF REQUISITIONS AS DETAILED IN EXHIBIT "A"
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt
Resolution No. 148-07.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Ordinance No. 148-07 is adopted.

BY: **S. M. TUMA**
(By Request - Auditor)

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
WITHIN THE 2007 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF
PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt
Ordinance No. 151-07.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Ordinance No. 151-07 is adopted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

There were no Appointments or Confirmations.

PUBLIC SESSION

Richard Higgins, 11825 W. Pleasant Valley Road - Stated he is here tonight to swing
his support for the Levy that passed two weeks ago. Asked about putting the Council
Meetings on Channel 45, Cox.

Craig Petrovich, 2907 Ingleside Drive - Asked about the Henninger House as to
where it is going, and what is the purpose of restoration of such a questionable land mark.
Stated that his property has been damaged three times in the last week and a half.
Someone is trashing his hedges.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor DePiero - Answered the questions about the Henninger House. Stated - The
Henninger House was saved four to five years ago. It is one of the oldest homes in the
City. Currently, the West Creek Preservation Committee is obtaining Grant money and
applying for Grants with the vision that the Henninger Home would be a trail head for the
West Creek Preserve. Now, you are aware of the Metro Parks Project and sooner or later,
the Parma Metro Parks Project will connect to Independence, Brooklyn Hts., and Seven Hills
and the vision is that, that would be a trail head where people could visit. It's part of a
grander plan for it to become a trail head. Made comments relative to the passage of Issue
12 in Parma. Stated that with the passage of this Levy, we are going to be able to hire
more Police Officers to patrol our neighborhoods. Thanked the citizens for voting for this
Issue. Made positive comments relative to how our Police Department responded and
handled some very serious allegations against two of our Police Officers last week.
Commended our Police Department and our Police Chief in the handling of this situation.
Stated that he is proud of the opening of our two new Fire Stations, one and two.

Announced that the summer band concerts start June 17th. Mentioned the Mayor's Ice Cream Social on August 5th. Made comments relative to Memorial Day.

Safety Director Baeppler - Stated to Mr. Petrovich that he did go over to his house and did substantiate that his shrubs had been damaged. Discussed possible solutions regarding the damaging of his shrubs. Made comments relative to the bad news about the two Officers that have been suspended. Made comments relative to the time line in which it took the investigation to get done.

Service Director - No comment.

Treasurer Zielinski - Made comments relative to the passage of Issue 12. Commended the Mayor for the work that he did, on behalf of the residents of the City, in the passage of Issue 12. Made comments relative to the opening of the two new Fire Stations.

Law Director Dobeck - Commended the Mayor and the Safety Director on the handling of the two Officers that were suspended and opening everything up to the scrutiny to the people, to all the Council members, to the media. Stated that was the right way to handle that issue.

Auditor Kish - Stated that his hat goes off to Chief Hoffman and Safety Director Baeppler in the way that they handled this investigation. Commended the Administration for taking the steps in seeing that the Police Officers were disciplined. Congratulated and commended Assistant Chief Dennis Ryan for the hard work he put in on the two new fire stations, one on Pearl Road in Ward 2 and the other on Snow Road in Ward 9.

Councilwoman Galinas - Commended Mayor DePiero, Safety Director Baeppler, Chief Hoffman, and the Law Director for their swift and responsible leadership surrounding the incident reported last week involving the two Parma Police Officers. Stated that after talking with her colleagues this past week, she believes she can say that she speaks for all members of Parma City Council that we support Mayor DePiero, Safety Director Baeppler, Law Director Dobeck, and Chief Hoffman along with his command staff for their decisive actions in dealing with this difficult situation and maintaining the public trust in our Police Department. Our Parma residents should know that Justice will be served.

Councilman Tuma - Stated that he believes that he speaks for all of his colleagues that we are satisfied with the time line and the information, as provided to us by the Mayor, by the Safety Director, and Chief Hoffman. There were serious accusations that were made. An on-going criminal investigation was taking place and there were specific procedures that had to be followed to ensure the accuracy of those allegations. Once the information was found to be accurate, appropriate action was taken by the Administration. Now, if proven true, the actions of these individuals were disgraceful and unbecoming of the badge they wore. These two individuals breached the trust we as citizens placed in them and tarnished the reputation of our fine City. This incident is now a criminal matter and due process will be forwarded to these people under the law. This was clearly a deplorable incident; however, residents should be able to take solace in knowing that this matter was dealt with seriously and discussed in open forum by all their elected officials.

Councilman Celebrezze - Reminded all his residents that his summer Ward Meeting is being held this Wednesday, May 23rd at the VFW Hall on Woodrow Avenue starting at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Day - Thanked everyone who made their way up to John Muir this past week. They had their Reading week with different Public Officials and City Employees coming there to read to different classes. Stated the students and the Principal of John Muir really appreciated everyone who came to read. Made a comment about the Henninger House.

Councilman Jech - Concurred with his colleagues as far as the statements that were made pertaining to the investigation.

Councilman Napoli - Concurred with his colleagues as far as the statements that were made pertaining to the investigation. Thanked them for presenting their statements this evening.

Councilman Ramser - Concurred with his colleagues as far as the statements that were made pertaining to the investigation.

Councilman Regas - Stated that he wanted everyone to know that he concurs with Mrs. Galinas and Mr. Tuma as far as the statements that were made pertaining to the investigation.

Councilman Brennan - Thanked the Administration and Council for their leadership in building the new Fire Stations. Made comments about the Andrew Boyko Scholarship Fund. Stated to the members of Council that he invited Jim Rokakis to speak at our upcoming Committee Meetings next Tuesday. It was the only day he was available. He is going to talk about the vacant home crises, the foreclosure crises, etc. Made comments about the investigation about the two Police Officers. He wanted the residents of Ward 2 to know that he knew nothing about this incident.

Mr. Germana - Echoed what everyone had to say about the investigation of the two Police Officers. Made comments about the Police Levy. Stated everyone really worked hard to get this Levy passed. Congratulated Councilman Tuma and Councilman Brennan for having the highest percentage in their Wards in passing the Police Levy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adjourn said Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas Mastroianni, Clerk of council for the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2007.

THOMAS MASTROIANNI
CLERK OF COUNCIL

CHARLES M. GERMANA
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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Minutes completed on June 6, 2007.